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SUBJECT: PAPUA - NEW GUINEAN ADHERENCE TO ARMS CONTROL/  
DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS

1. DEPT HAS NOTED WITH INTEREST RECENT NOTIFICATIONS BY  
PNG OF ITS INTENT TO SUCCEED TO THE FOUR GENEVA CONVENTIONS  
OF 1949 RELATING TO TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR, ETC.

2. IN ANALOGOUS VEIN, DEPT WISHES TO ENCOURAGE PNG AD-  
HERENCE TO ARMS CONTROL/DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS, ESPECIALLY  
THE FOLLOWING: TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS (NPT), SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, LONDON, AND MOSCOW,  
JULY 1, 1968; TREATY BANNING NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS IN THE  
ATMOSPHERE, IN OUTER SPACE AND UNDER WATER (LTBT), SIGNED  
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AT MOSCOW, AUGUST 5, 1963; AND THE CONVENTION ON THE

PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION (BWC), SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, LONDON, AND MOSCOW, APRIL 10, 1971; THE GENEVA PROTOCOL OF 1925 (PROTOCOL FOR THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE IN WAR OF ASPHYXIATING, POISONOUS OR OTHER GASES, AND OF BACTERIOLOGICAL METHODS OF WARFARE, SIGNED AT GENEVA, JUNE 17, 1925); AND THE SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY (TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE EMBLACEMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND OTHER

WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION ON THE SEABED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR AND IN THE SUBSOIL THEREOF, SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, LONDON, AND MOSCOW, FEBRUARY 11, 1971). GOVT OF AUSTRALIA PARTY TO ALL THESE AGREEMENTS EXCEPT BWC. BEGIN FYI: MOST URGENTLY DESIRED OF THESE ADHERENCES IS TO NPT. END FYI.

3. WITH REGARD TO ABOVE AGREEMENTS, POST SHOULD, AT TIME AND LEVEL IT DEEMS MOST APPROPRIATE, APPROACH PNG TO ENCOURAGE THEIR ADHERENCE THERETO.

4. SHOULD PNG WISH TO SO ADHERE, POST SHOULD ALSO CONVEY USG UNDERSTANDING THAT ADHERENCE COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COMMUNICATION OF NOTICE OF ITS INTENTION TO SUCCEED OR DEPOSIT OF INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION, WHICHEVER DEEMED MOST APPROPRIATE, WITH ONE OR MORE OF DEPOSITARY GOVTS FOR EACH OF ABOVE AGREEMENTS (USA, UK, USSR), WITH EXCEPTION OF 1925 GENEVA PROTOCOL FOR WHICH GOVT OF FRANCE IS SOLE DEPOSITARY.

5. TO ASSIST POST IN MAKING PARA THREE APPROACH, DEPT HAS AIRMAILED COPIES OF 1975 ACDA PUBLICATION "ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS", WHICH CONTAINS FULL TEXTS OF ALL AGREEMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE. ROBINSON

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